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*“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”*

– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



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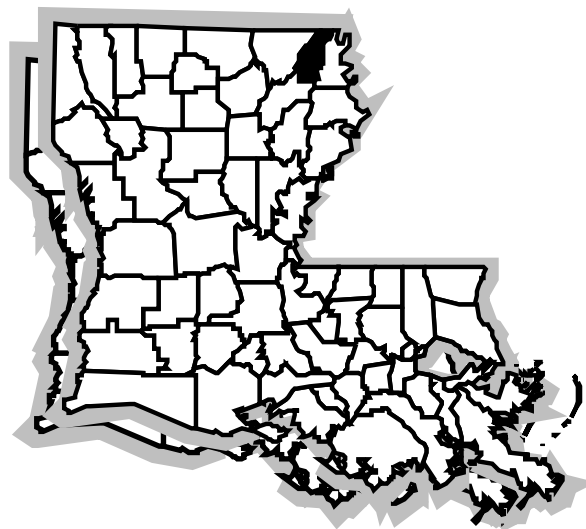
## West Carroll Parish

### History<sup>1</sup>

Organized on March 28, 1877, West Carroll was separated from East Carroll Parish when the original Carroll Parish was divided.

### Culture and Recreation<sup>3</sup>

Open the northern door to Louisiana, and drive the Bienville Trace, Poverty Point Parkway, and Grant's marsh Scenic Byways along the natural landscape of East Carroll and West Carroll Parishes. Experience rich plantation farm systems, Louisiana cotton and Mississippi River delta culture as you drive to prehistoric Poverty Point and historic Grant's March of the Vicksburg Campaign.



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**Parish Seat<sup>1</sup>** ..... Oak Grove<sup>1</sup>

**Major Cities** (over 5,000 population)<sup>2</sup>  
None

### Parish Population<sup>2</sup>

1990 ..... 12,093

1997 (estimate) ..... 12,199

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)<sup>6</sup>

White ..... 82%

African American ..... 18%

Other ..... 0%

Male ..... 48%

Female ..... 52%

Population age 0-4 ..... 7%

Populations age 65 & over ..... 17%

### Geography and Statistics<sup>2</sup>

Average elevation ..... 120 ft.

Land area in square miles ..... 359.4

Water area in square miles<sup>4</sup> ..... 0.9

### Climate<sup>2</sup>

Average temperatures

Annual ..... 65°

January ..... 45°

July ..... 83°

Annual average rainfall ..... 50.2 in.

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Civilian .....	5,200
Employed .....	4,260
Unemployed .....	940
Unemployment .....	18.0%

**Agriculture<sup>1</sup>**

Cotton, soybeans, sweet potatoes, rice, tomatoes and livestock.

**Colleges/Universities<sup>2</sup>**

(within one hour commute)

Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe

**Public Libraries<sup>5</sup>** ..... 1

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**Educational Attainment (1990)<sup>7</sup>**

Less than 5th grade	4.8%
High school graduate or higher	52.0%
Some college or higher	20.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.7%

**Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Private Employers</b>	
Ruffin Building Systems, Inc. (Metal Buildings)	150
Wal-Mart Discount City (Discount Retailer)	100
Carroll Nursing Home, Inc. (Elderly Care)	65
<b>Public Employers</b>	
West Carroll Parish School Board (Education)	345
West Carroll Memorial Hospital (Medical)	95

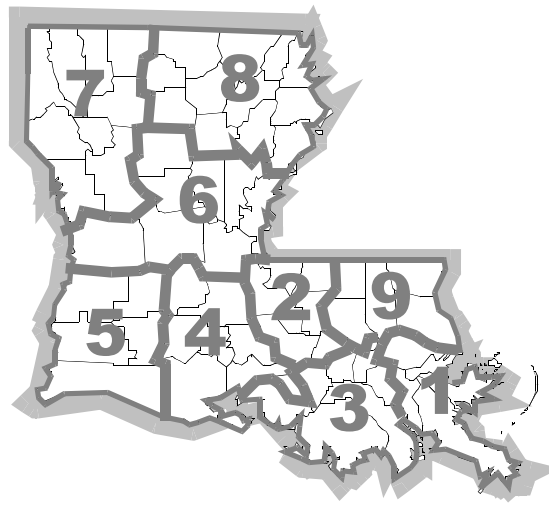
**Poverty and Income**

Persons in poverty (1995) <sup>7</sup>	26.4%
Children under age 18 in poverty <sup>7</sup>	36.2%
Per capita income (1996) <sup>8</sup>	\$13,423



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**Louisiana Administrative Regions -  
Department of Health and Hospitals**



**Region 1**

Jefferson  
Orleans  
Plaquemines  
St. Bernard

**Region 2**

Ascension  
East Baton Rouge  
East Feliciana  
Iberville  
Pointe Coupee  
West Baton Rouge  
West Feliciana

**Region 3**

Assumption  
Lafourche  
St. Charles  
St. James  
St. John  
St. Mary  
Terrebonne

**Region 4**

Acadia  
Evangeline  
Iberia  
Lafayette  
St. Landry  
St. Martin  
Vermilion

**Region 5**

Allen  
Beauregard  
Calcasieu  
Cameron  
Jefferson Davis

**Region 6**

Avoyelles  
Catahoula  
Concordia  
Grant  
LaSalle  
Rapides  
Vernon  
Winn

**Region 7**

Bienville  
Bossier  
Caddo  
Claiborne  
DeSoto  
Natchitoches  
Red River  
Sabine  
Webster

**Region 8**

Caldwell  
East Carroll  
Franklin  
Jackson  
Lincoln  
Madison  
Morehouse  
Ouachita  
Richland  
Tensas  
Union  
West Carroll

**Region 9**

Livingston  
St. Helena  
St. Tammany  
Tangipahoa  
Washington